Rusk County
Highway Committee

July 20, 2009

Present: T. Costello, H. Golat, G. DuSell.

Absent: R. Svoma.

Also Present: E. Wundrow, N. Mertes, P. Montwill.

Highway Chair H. Golat called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of the agenda and move any agenda items as needed.
A Costello/DuSell motion to approve the agenda and move items as needed. Motion Carried.

Approval of minutes.
A Hofacker/Costello motion to approve minutes for June 15, 2009. Motion Carried.

Review Engineering proposal from Morgan & Parmley Ltd. for CTH “F” and CTH “O”.
Morgan & Parmley Ltd proposed the following costs for engineering:

CTH “O” STP - (From F & O Intersection 3.4 miles north) - $12,500.00 to $15,500.00. (This project will be presented on the 2010 budget) It was noted that federal funding does not cover engineering costs on any STP project. Morgan & Parmley’s engineering fee represents less than 2% of the estimated construction cost.

CTH “V” STP – (From CTH “I” to/through the Skunk Creek Bridge) - $10,500.00 to $12,500.00. E. Wundrow explained that he wants to stop at the bridge; he does not want the project to go through the bridge. E. Wundrow feels the bridge is in excellent condition and is wide enough for this project. (This project will be presented on the 2010 budget)

A DuSell/Costello motion to authorize Morgan & Parmley to proceed with engineering for 2010 CTH “O” STP project for a cost of $12,500.00 to $15,500.00 and the 2010 CTH “V” STP project for a cost of $10,500.00 to $12,500.00. Motion Carried.

2010 Budget.
The Highway Committee discussed the 2010 budget.
A Costello/Hofacker motion that in order to cut costs in the 2010 budget the Highway Committee will send one representative to the Highway Conventions in 2010 and this representative will bring back the convention information for review at the Highway Committee meeting. Motion Carried.

N. Mertes reported that her office staff will not attend the annual CHEMS convention in 2010 in order to cut costs for 2010 and she will be reviewing subscriptions to see if any can be discontinued.

Adopt – A – Highway request by Green Bay Kennels, Joe Kuklenski for CTH “I”.
A Costello/Hofacker motion to approve the Adopt-A-Highway permit from Joe Kuklenski for cleaning CTH “I” from Fedyn Road to Mae West Road three or more times per year. Roll Call: Voting Yes – None, Voting No – DuSell, Hofacker, Costello, Golat. Motion dies.
A Costello/Hofacker motion to deny the permit request for Adopt-A-Highway from Joe Kuklenski until the waiver form is signed by Mr. Kuklenski and turned into the Highway Department. Committee will review the permit again when the completed waiver form is turned in. Motion Carried.
Highway Commissioner Report.
E. Wundrow reported that his crews have been working on several blacktop repair maintenance projects, bringing the roads back up by rut paving. CTH “W” is completed. CTH “D” east (J/T Transfer) is in the process of being completed this year. CTH “J” and “A” will be chip sealed at the end of this month. Culvert aid has begun and the culvert replacement on Highway 40 will begin the last week of July. Mowing on County Highways is just about complete.

Highway Financial Report
No report.

Highway Office Report.
N. Mertes reported that due to issues with temporary help and the Highway Bookkeeper being out on FMLA leave the office has fallen way behind schedule.
P. Montwill reported on his testimony in the Quinn vs. Rusk County trial. The final results of this trial have not been reported as of yet. N. Mertes reported that there has been no word from E. Edming regarding the judgment the County has against him.

Highway Committee – Comments.
Discussion regarding the current Rut Paving done on CTH “E”.

Sign pre-approved vouchers.
Pre-approved vouchers in the amount of $361,817.36 were signed by the Highway Committee.
A Hofacker/Costello motion to approve the pre-approved vouchers for $361,817.36. Motion Carried.

Set date for next highway committee meeting.
The next Highway Committee meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

Motion to Adjourn.
A Costello/DuSell motion to adjourn. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by N. Mertes
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